



# City of Austin

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Project Management Division

505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 900, Austin, TX 78704

Date: March 26, 2021  
PROJECT: Rainey Street Substation  
CIP ID: 7465.001  
IFB#: CLMC833

SUBJECT: Answers to Bidders' Questions

**The following are answers to Bidders' questions received on the above project. These answers do not modify the Bid Documents. Any modifications to the Bid Documents will be through an Addendum.**

- Q1: Are there delivery milestone dates for equipment during this contract period?  
A1: Power transformers are scheduled to arrive December 2021. The gas insulated switchgear (GIS) equipment is scheduled to arrive in July 2021 and will be held in storage as necessary.
- Q2: Were there any structure(s) on this site previously? Building, etc.?  
A2: An Environmental Phase 1 Assessment was completed which identified the areas northeast and southeast portions of the immediate surrounding area indicate residential and light commercial use from as far back as 1940. During the environmental survey work, no structural debris or foundations were encountered, although there are several paved areas, approximately half a foot below ground surface. Aerial photographs indicate that from 1998 to present, the site has been utilized as a parking lot/storage/laydown yard for construction.
- Q3: Lane closure requirements or limitations?  
A3: The construction entrance will be from the Interstate Highway (IH) 35 frontage road. The Contractor will be required to obtain their own Right of Way (ROW) permits, as deemed necessary. The Contractor will be required to coordinate the requirements with [ROWProjectCoordination@austintexas.gov](mailto:ROWProjectCoordination@austintexas.gov).
- Q4: Work hour restrictions? Weekend Restrictions?  
A4: Specification 00700, General Conditions, Subparagraph 1.49, Working Hours outlines the contract requirements further. The Downtown Austin Project Coordination Zone (DAPCZ) coordinates all Downtown Austin projects, per the [ordinance](#). The Contractor will be required to coordinate the requirements with [ROWProjectCoordination@austintexas.gov](mailto:ROWProjectCoordination@austintexas.gov). Additionally, the City of Austin Noise [ordinance](#) provides general restrictions.
- Q5: Will there be a storage yard dedicated for this project? Will dedicated parking be provided?  
A5: The project site itself is the only storage/parking provided.
- Q6: Currently there is not a detailed bid form breakdown in the documents. Will one be provided, or will it just be a single price as currently shown?  
A6: This project is advertised as a Lump Sum Contract.
- Q7: I just found LOC on page 6. It's the back of curb. On the demo plan Sheet 3 There are some notes of removal, however, the existing sidewalk does not appear to be noted as demo. The Landscape drawings appear to show new sidewalk. Please confirm demo.  
A7: The limits of construction (LOC) is from the back of curb, except as shown for the installation of the irrigation meter, accessible EV station and electrical service from across Lambie Street. Existing sidewalk will be demolished. New sidewalks are proposed as part of the Contractor's responsibility to install.
- Q8: Sheet 3 Demo Plan--The Limits of Construction line does not show up very clearly, if at all. Can you confirm Limits of Construction?  
A8: The limits of construction (LOC) is from the back of curb, except as shown for the installation of the irrigation meter, accessible EV station and electrical service from across Lambie Street. Existing sidewalk will be demolished. New sidewalks are proposed as part of the Contractor's responsibility to install.

- Q9: Are there limits on work hours or days of the week due to the neighborhood association's involvement?
- A9: Specification 00700, General Conditions, Subparagraph 1.49, Working Hours outlines the contract requirements further. The Downtown Austin Project Coordination Zone (DAPCZ) coordinates all Downtown Austin projects, per the [ordinance](#). The Contractor will be required to coordinate the requirements with [ROWProjectCoordination@austintexas.gov](mailto:ROWProjectCoordination@austintexas.gov). Additionally, the City of Austin Noise [ordinance](#) provides general restrictions.
- Q10: Is the EV charging station part of this contract?
- A10: Yes. Following is the Austin Energy contact information, Caitlin Bullock, [Contractor-BullockC@austinenergy.com](mailto:Contractor-BullockC@austinenergy.com) for your use.
- Q10: Please describe further how the resident/non- resident preference works.
- A10: There is not a preference. Specification 00475, Nonresident Bidder Provisions, is a Texas Statute requirement for state and local governmental contracts.
- Q11: Do you have a contact for MEPPI?
- A11: At this time, the contact information for MEPPI is not relevant for the completion of the Bid.
- Q12: Is the procurement of the fence on the contractor?
- A12: The installation of the fence is an integral scope of the project and the Contractor's responsibility to install.
- Q12: Can an excel version of the diverse contractor list be provided?
- A12: Contact John Wesley-Smith at [John.Wesley-Smith@austintexas.gov](mailto:John.Wesley-Smith@austintexas.gov), 512-974-7758.
- Q13: Can we request a bid extension at this time?
- A13: No. A bid extension is not necessary at this time.
- Q14: Could we get a copy of this presentation? I would just like to make sure we have taken care of all the requirements?
- A14: A copy of the presentation is available for viewing [here](#).